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VERSION WILL FOLLOW.

SPOKESMAN: THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO, MR. AMADOU
MAHTAR M'BOW OF SENEGAL, WILL BE MAKING AN OFFICIAL VISIT
TO THE UNITED STATES FROM JULY 3 RD TO 7 TH. MR. M'BOW
WAS INVITED BY THE SECRETARY, AND DURING HIS VISIT
HERE WILL BE DISCUSSING MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH
UNITED STATES OFFICIALS.

I HAVE MR. M'BOW'S ITINERARY, WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
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FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED. HE WILL NOT BE SEEING
THE PRESIDENT, WHO AS YOU KNOW IS GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN.
HE WILL SEE SECRETARY VANCE ON THURSDAY, JULY 6 TH, AT
12:15 P.M.

Q: ON ANGOLA, IN VIEW OF THE SYNDICATED COLUMN TODAY, I
WANTED TO ASK WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF UNITA AND JONAS
SAVIMBI CAME UP AT ALL IN AMBASSADOR MC HRNEY'S TALKS IN
LUANDA.

A: I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE, TO GO INTO THE DETAILS OF
AMBASSADOR MC HENRY'S CONSULTATIONS. I WOULD SIMPLY
OBSERVE THAT WHAT WE HAVE SAID HERE BEFORE IS, THAT THE
QUESTION -- BOTH OF BORDERS, AND THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION,
GENERALLY, DID COME UP. I AM NOT GOING TO TRY TO DRAW
ANY CONCLUSIONS FOR YOU.

Q: DID ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE GO TO THE OFFICE OF
CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLYING
AID TO SAVIMBI'S FORCES? TO SOUND HIM OUT?

A: WELL LET ME ANSWER THE PART OF THE QUESTION THAT YOU

ARE MOSTLY INTERESTED IN, WHICH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATION, BY SAYING THAT I CANNOT IN FACT CONFIRM OR DENY THE AUTHENTICITY OF SOME OF THE QUOTES FROM THE PARTICULAR ARTICLE. I CAN'T CHARACTERIZE THE CONVERSATION.

BUT I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOOK PART IN CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF CUBANS IN AFRICA AND POSSIBLE U.S. RESPONSE TO THAT.

AND IN CONNECTION WITH THIS EXERCISE, HE DID CONSULT WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND SOLICITED HIS VIEWS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF POLICY OPTIONS.
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Q: DID THE SECRETARY OF STATE KNOW THAT MR. MOOSE WAS DISCUSSING OPTIONS THAT INCLUDED AID TO UNITA?

A: AGAIN, SINCE I CAN'T DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS THAT WERE DISCUSSED, I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THAT.

IF YOU ARE ASKING ME A QUESTION OF "WAS THE SECRETARY AWARE OF THE CONSULTATIONS," -- THE ANSWER IS, "YES."

Q: WELL, YOU KNOW THE WHITE HOUSE HAS SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT STANSFIELD TURNER AND DAVID AARON WERE DOING; AND I WONDERED IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS AWARE PRECISELY OF WHAT MR. MOOSE WAS DOING ON THE HILL.

A: THE SECRETARY DID ATTEND THE SCC MEETING FROM WHICH THE INSTRUCTIONS GREW THAT MR. MOOSE SHOULD DISCUSS A VARIETY OF OPTIONS AND SEEK CONGRESSIONAL ADVICE ON IT.

Q: HAS THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ANGOLA DISARMING THE ZAIRIAN REBELS?

HELMUT SCHMIDT APPARENTLY RECEIVED SOME ASSURANCE FROM KENNETH KAUNDA TODAY.

A: LET ME TAKE THAT QUESTION.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS?

A: THE NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATION, I HAVE NOTHING NEW ON THAT RIGHT NOW.

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Q: WHAT ABOUT THE TREATY, THE NON-NUCLEAR, NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WE ARE WORKING ON WITH SOUTH AFRICA?

A: I AM HAPPY, GIVEN MY GUIDANCE FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS, TO REPORT THAT I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT EITHER, GIVEN THE STORIES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Q: HAS THE WESTERN TEAM RECEIVED ANY NEW INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT STARTING REGISTRATION FOR ELECTIONS UNDER THEIR OWN INTERNAL SETTLEMENTS?

A: I DON'T THINK WE KNOW ANYTHING MORE ON THAT THEN HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR IN NAMIBIA. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANYTHING BEYOND THAT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THE FIGHTING IN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA?

A: NO, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING. VANCE

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